

**DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSURE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY
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INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN TRAINED DENTISTS

Applicants from non American Dental Association (ADA) accredited dental programs may obtain applications on our website www.mass.gov/dph/boards with a link to the Board of Registration in Dentistry following the menu to applications. The jurisprudence exam may be obtained by calling the Board office at (617) 973-0971. To obtain a list of clinics in Massachusetts, contact the State House Book Store, Room 116, Boston, MA 02133 or phone (617) 727-2834 and request a copy of the "Directory of Clinics". If you have any further questions please call the Dental Board at (617) 973-0971.

Dental Limited License Registration

Applicants for licensure from non ADA accredited programs may request limited license registration.

A limited licensee is limited to providing dental services only in a Massachusetts approved hospital, school, or government clinic. **Once a position in a hospital, school or clinic is assured, a Limited License application may be submitted.** Practice in a private office is not permitted. Limited licensees work under the supervision of a Massachusetts licensed dentist. It is the responsibility of the supervising dentist to ensure that all limited licensees under his/her supervision hold a current registration and meet all of the necessary criteria for licensure.

A Limited License is valid only at the location specified on the initial application and may include affiliated locations. To work at other locations that are non-affiliated, a separate application is required. Limited licenses are valid for one year and may be renewed for up to five years.

To extend the license beyond the five year period the applicant is required to petition the Board for approval to take the clinical exam administered by NERB. Upon Board approval, the registrant is eligible to take the Massachusetts only clinical exam administered by NERB.

The Board of Registration in Dentistry (Board) has determined that an individual practicing dentistry on a limited license is not eligible to obtain a Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration (MCSR) nor may such an individual obtain a controlled substances registration from the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Dentists Applying for Advanced Standing

Foreign trained dentists may apply for advanced standing in an ADA accredited dental program in the United States that has a program for foreign-trained dentists. Usually at least two years of study is required to obtain a degree at an ADA accredited dental program but the dental school determines how much credit is given to the student for schooling in his or her native country. In addition to proof of graduation from an ADA accredited dental program, full dental licensure requires:

1. a completed application along with the required fee
2. successful completion of National Boards Parts I & II
3. a regional clinical examination administered by the North East Regional Boards (NERB)
4. successful completion of the jurisprudence exam on the Rules and Regulations governing the practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Foreign trained dentists enrolled in a dental school program are permitted to apply for a **dental hygiene license** while in an advanced standing program. To practice as a hygienist the applicant is required to successfully pass the Massachusetts Only Dental Hygiene Exam administered by NERB. **This license is null and void once the licensee becomes licensed as a dentist.**

Faculty Practice Registration

When a foreign trained dentist has been appointed to the Faculty at a dental school he or she may apply for a faculty limited license. Faculty licenses are renewed on a yearly basis but unlike the limited license can be renewed indefinitely. As with limited licensees, faculty practice applicants are limited to a hospital, school, or clinic setting. Practice in a private office is not permitted. Faculty practice applicants are under the supervision of a fully licensed dentist. The faculty license is valid only at the location applied for unless the other locations are affiliated with the primary one.

Dentists Employed As A Dental Assistant

Foreign trained dentists may work as “on the job trained” dental assistants. No license or registration is required. However, to take radiographs as a dental assistant it is necessary to send proof to the Board office of completion of a radiology course. This may be a transcript from the foreign dental school. Once documentation has been received at the Board office, a letter is sent which permits the assistant to take radiographs. Detailed information regarding practicing as a dental assistant and taking radiographs can be found in the Rules and Regulations on our website www.mass.gov/dph/boards linking to the Board of Registration in Dentistry and following menu directions or by contacting the State House Book Store, Room 116, Boston, MA 02133 phone (617) 727-2834.

Dental Laboratory Technicians

Foreign trained dentists may practice as laboratory technicians in a dental laboratory. No license or registration is required.

The Dental Schools in Massachusetts are:

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

1 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 636-6639
www.tufts.edu/dental

Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry

100 East Newton Street
Boston, MA 02118
(617) 638-4798
www.dentalschool.bu.edu

Harvard University School of Dental Medicine

188 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 432-1443
www.hsdm.med.harvard.edu

The Dental Hygiene Schools in Massachusetts are:

Bristol Community College

777 Elsbree Street
Fall River, MA 21201
(508) 678-2811
www.bristol.mass.edu

Cape Cod Community College

Route 132
West Barnstable, MA 02668
(508) 362-2131
www.capecod.mass.edu

Forsyth School of Dental Hygiene

179 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 262-5200
www.forsyth.org

Middlesex Community College

Springs Road
Bedford, MA 01730
(781) 280-3605
www.middlesex.cc.ma.us

Springfield Tech. Comm. College

1 Armory Square
Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 781-7822
www.stcc.mass.edu

Quinsigamond Comm. College

670 W. Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
(508) 853-2300
www.qcc.mass.edu

Mount Ida Junior College

777 Dedham Street
Newton Center, MA 02459
(617) 928-4500
www.mountida.edu

For schools in other states call the ADA toll free number at 1-800-621-8099.